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Hi y'all,

We hit a big milestone in this 87th Legislature: March 12 was the last day to file bills. By next week, we hope to share our top few bills to support and oppose from each [issue huddle](#), so you can get a glimpse of the road ahead of us. The last half of the legislative session has a tendency to feel like "whiplash". We hope to dampen that a bit and help you understand what you can be doing each day to help our state.

Note! If you miss a deadline to submit written testimony, you can and should call the committee chair to submit your comments. And, you can and should reach out to your own legislators on any bill you feel strongly about. Even if they're not on a specific committee, they may have the ear of legislators who do sit on that committee. Remember, your Senator and Representative represent you!

Help us track our progress by [telling us when you've completed an action](#)! Continuous feedback, both from you and from the legislative staffers you speak with, will help us make these CTAs more targeted, clear, and effective.

Let's keep pushing against the #DeadlyDeregulation that has killed so many of our neighbors this past year, and beyond. Texans can do better. Texans deserve better.

**1. Before 2PM on Monday - [Submit Written Comments](#) to support LGBTQIA+ Texans [Submit written comments](#) in support of HB 73 that would remove the "panic defense" as a reason to attack someone who is gay or trans.** You don't have to be gay or trans to submit written comments. For example text and more on the "panic defense", [check out our CTA](#). Don't forget to tell your Rapid Response 5 to submit testimony too. It will take less than 5 minutes!

**2. Before 2PM on Monday - Call to oppose #DeadlyDeregulation of landfills**  
**Call members of the House Committee on Environmental Regulations Members to oppose HB 631.** This bill seeks to take away local control of landfill siting. If this bill passes, local municipalities will lose the ability to control where garbage is dumped, even if the location poses a threat to local groundwater. [Our CTA on HB 631](#) has phone numbers, email addresses, and a script for you to call each committee member. [Written comments](#) will also be accepted until the committee hearing is over. And remember, you can always let your own Senator and Rep know where you want them to vote on this bill, and any other bill, should it make it out of committee.

**3. Call in support of Medicaid Expansion**

**Call your State Rep and State Senator to support and vote for Medicaid Expansion in Texas.** Did you know that on top of expanding healthcare coverage to 1.2 - 1.4 Million Texans, that Medicaid expansion would also save our state over \$700 Million? How often can a program both save lives AND save money? Medicaid expansion is a no brainer. It's time to push our state government to do the right thing!

**[Scripts and more information can be found at our website](#)**

***Watch last week's Healthcare Panel: [Indivisible TX Lege Panel Discussion on Healthcare in Texas](#)***

#### **4. Write**

**Write a message to your State Senator to support SB 243 that would increase Energy Efficiency in Texas homes.** To really combat climate change, not only do we need to move toward green energy, we also need to improve the energy efficiency of our homes and appliances. Join our partners at the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club to support SB 243 that would raise Texas' Energy Efficiency Goal to 1%.

**Submit:** [SierraClub.org: Support SB 243](https://SierraClub.org: Support SB 243)

**For more:** [energy.gov: Why Energy Efficiency Upgrades Plus Tools for Your Home](https://energy.gov: Why Energy Efficiency Upgrades Plus Tools for Your Home)

And remember, you can continue to call elected officials across the state to demand accountability and reform following last month's freeze, and [keep pushing the Governor to reinstate the mask mandate](#) until Texas can safely be open without them.

For all of you on spring break this week, enjoy it and use some of your extra free time to motivate your friends to get into the habit of calling our state legislators.

Hope to see y'all at [Tuesday's 1pm CTA Phonebank!](#)

Much love,

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